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To revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 1998

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ROTH, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. CLELAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITION TO NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

4 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~The boundaries of the George
5 Washington Birthplace National Monument are modified
6 to include the area comprising approximately 85 acres;

1 generally known as “George Washington’s Ferry Farm”,
 2 in Stafford County, Virginia, and located across the Rap-
 3 pahannock River from Fredericksburg, Virginia, as gen-
 4 erally depicted on the map entitled “George Washington
 5 Birthplace National Monument Boundary Map”, num-
 6 bered 322/80020 and dated May 1998.

7 (b) MAP.—The map described in subsection (a) shall
 8 be on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
 9 priate offices of the National Park Service.

10 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The area described in sub-
 11 section (a) shall be managed—

12 (1) in accordance with the provisions of law
 13 generally applicable to the units of the National
 14 Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916
 15 (39 Stat. 565, chapter 408; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.);
 16 and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666,
 17 chapter 593; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.);

18 (2) to preserve the cultural and natural re-
 19 sources of the area that are associated with the boy-
 20 hood home of George Washington; and

21 (3) to interpret those resources to enhance pub-
 22 lic understanding.

23 **SECTION 1. ADDITION TO NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

24 (a) ADDITION.—*The boundaries of the George Wash-*
 25 *ington Birthplace National Monument are modified to in-*

1 clude the property generally know as George Washington's
 2 Boyhood Home, Ferry Farm, located in Stafford County,
 3 Virginia, across the Rappahannock River from Fredericks-
 4 burg, Virginia, comprising approximately 8 acres. The
 5 boundary modification is generally depicted on the map en-
 6 titled "George Washington Birthplace National Monument
 7 Boundary Map", numbered 322/80, 020 and dated April
 8 1998. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep the map on
 9 file and available for public inspection in appropriate of-
 10 fices of the National Park Service.

11 (b) *ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT.*—After the enactment
 12 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may acquire a con-
 13 servation easement for the property described in subsection
 14 (a) to ensure the preservation of this important cultural
 15 and natural resources associated with Ferry Farm.

16 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE STUDY.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 18 months after the
 18 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
 19 section, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the
 20 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
 21 and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representa-
 22 tives a resource study of the property described in section
 23 1(a).

24 (b) *CONTENTS.*—The study under subsection (a)
 25 shall—

1 (1) *identify the full range of resources and his-*
 2 *toric themes associated with Ferry Farm, including*
 3 *those associated with George Washington's tenure at*
 4 *the property described in section 1(a) and those asso-*
 5 *ciated with the Civil War period;*

6 (2) *identify alternatives for further National*
 7 *Park Service involvement at the property described in*
 8 *section 1(a) beyond those that may be provided for in*
 9 *the acquisition authorized under section 1(b); and*

10 (3) *include cost estimates for any necessary ac-*
 11 *quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and*
 12 *maintenance associated with the alternatives identi-*
 13 *fied.*

14 **SEC. 3. AGREEMENTS.**

15 *Upon completion of the resource study under section*
 16 *2, the Secretary of the Interior may enter into agreements*
 17 *with the owner of the property described in section 1(a) or*
 18 *other entities for the purpose of providing programs, serv-*
 19 *ices, facilities, or technical assistance that further the pres-*
 20 *ervation and public use of the property.*

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